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1. Rejoice! Gaudete! What characteristics of this Sunday cause it to “pop” with excitement and joy?
2. Where does the term “Gaudete” come from?
3. What other Sunday in the Church year does this Sunday parallel?
4. What themes do we see in the other readings for the day?

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5. How are joy, prayer, and thanksgiving seen together here?
6. What did Paul previously identify as being God’s will for them (see 4:3)?
7. How are these three things an expression of God’s will for us?
8. How do we avoid quenching the Holy Spirit?
9. What is Paul referring to with his mention of prophecies, and how does “testing everything” connect?
10. How does our Sanctification come about?
11. How will we be “kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?”